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Dear Mr.

Your letter of 26 August 1953 referring to the same subjects has been received and contents noted.

With respect to the optional use of the copper tubing or cast iron pipe, it is felt that the small additional cost of the copper tubing is warranted in behalf of a better job. Apparently, the advantage in use of the cheaper material is lost as a result of installation cost increases. The three-inch cast iron line was figured by the Engineers to do the job satisfactorily, and apparently it was a toss as to whether or not the copper would also have to be increased to three inches because of the increased distance. We will use the figures as submitted for checking the extra based upon the modified design.

As to the vent riser for the gasoline tank, the NEFU Code calls for a 12°-0" high vent, so that there appears to be no reason for locating it at a distance from the fueling point. I took the opportunity to observe how this was handled at a small rural fueling station where there was no building to which the vent could feasibly be run, and noted that the several pumps each appeared to operate from separate tanks and each had its vent line run up through the island and supported from the pump housing. These vents were one-inch lines. The one and one-half inch pipe called for in our specifications should be sufficiently rigid to support themselves for the full height, but it may be advisable to brace them to the back of the pump at as high a point as is possible.

Very truly yours,

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